

EARNINGS AND HOURS OF EMPLOYEES, DISTRIBUTION AND COMPOSITION, MAY 1978 (PRELIMINARY)

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MAIN FEATURES

- In May 1978 median weekly earnings for male employees were estimated to be \$205.20. That is to say, half of all male employees had earnings below that figure and half above it. Median weekly earnings for female employees were \$152.90.

For full-time adult non-managerial employees —

Average weekly earnings for males were \$217.80 (\$200.10 ordinary time earnings and \$17.70 overtime earnings), an increase of 8.8 per cent since May 1977

Average weekly earnings for females were \$178.30 (\$175.10 ordinary time earnings and \$3.20 overtime earnings), an increase of 10.0 per cent since May 1977.

Average hours paid for were: for males, 40.8 including 2.3 hours overtime, and for females, 38.1 including 0.5 hours overtime.

Scope

- All wage and salary earners were represented except —

members of the defence forces,
employees in agriculture,
employees in private households employing staff,
waterside workers employed on a casual basis,
persons employed by private employers (other than hospitals) not subject to payroll tax,
employees on workers compensation.

All hospitals, whether subject to payroll tax or not, were represented in the survey but other exempt non-government bodies, such as religious and benevolent institutions, were excluded. At the time of the selection of the sample, payroll tax was payable by employers in the States and Territories paying \$48,000 (Queensland \$83,200) or more a year in wages and salaries.

Coverage

- The survey covered all Australian and State Government departments and authorities and stratified random samples of local government authorities, hospitals and private employers subject to payroll tax.

Survey design

- The majority of employers selected were requested to supply relevant details, on separate questionnaires, for only a sample of their employees. Individual employees were randomly selected by employers in accordance with instructions supplied by the Bureau. Employers with fewer than 10 employees were required to complete a questionnaire for every employee.

Definitions

- Specified pay-period* is the pay-period which included 22 May 1978. In general, where an establishment was closed down for part or the whole of that pay-period or operations were seriously curtailed by an industrial dispute, breakdown, fire, etc., the employer was asked to supply survey particulars for the previous normal pay-period.

- Employees* comprise male and female wage and salary earners (as defined in paragraph 4) who received pay for the specified pay-period.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This bulletin contains preliminary results of a sample survey conducted in respect of the pay-period which included 22 May 1978. The survey was designed to provide statistics of the distribution of employees according to weekly earnings and hours, and the composition of weekly earnings and hours for various categories of employees and for the principal occupations.

- Further statistics obtained from the survey will be published as they become available. Similar surveys have been conducted in May each year since 1974.

- Because of differences in sample design the results of the surveys are not directly comparable with those of other surveys and series such as the October surveys *Earnings and Hours of Employees* (6304.0) and the quarterly series *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0). In the October surveys adults include persons under 21 years of age who are paid at adult rates; in the May surveys such persons are included with others under 21 years of age.

9. *Full-time employees* are employees who received pay for the specified pay-period and whose standard (or rostered) weekly hours of work (see paragraph 11) for that pay-period were at least 30 hours. Included are full-time employees on short time, full-time employees who began or ceased work during the pay-period and full-time employees on paid annual leave, paid sick leave and paid holidays. Some employees (e.g. aircrews, teachers, university lecturers), although paid for a weekly attendance of less than 30 hours, were classified as full-time.

10. For private employees, *non-managerial employees* were defined to include foremen or supervisory employees, leading hands, apprentices, trainees or cadets, clerical and office staff as well as ordinary wages employees. They exclude *managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff* who, for the private sector, were not further defined. For government employees, *managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff* were generally defined as those employees who (i) were ineligible to receive payment for overtime, or (ii) although subject to payment for overtime, were in charge of a significant number of employees in a separate establishment (or establishments).

11. *Standard (or rostered) weekly hours* refers to the number of hours constituting a full week's work for the specified pay-period.

12. *Weekly hours paid for* refers to the hours for which payment was made. It comprises *ordinary time hours* (see paragraph 13) and *overtime hours*, which are those in excess of ordinary time hours. Weekly hours paid for were not reported for managerial, executive, professional and higher supervisory staff.

13. *Ordinary time hours* refers to award, standard or agreed hours of work. It includes stand-by or reporting time which are part of standard hours, and that part of paid annual leave, paid sick leave and long-service leave taken during the specified pay-period.

14. *Weekly earnings* refers to gross earnings before taxation and other deductions have been made. It comprises *overtime earnings*, which refers to payment for overtime hours as defined above, and *ordinary time earnings*, as defined in paragraph 15. It includes one week's proportion of payments made other than on a weekly basis, e.g. salary paid fortnightly or monthly and paid annual or other leave taken during the specified pay-period. Pay in advance, retrospective pay and annual or periodical bonuses, etc. are excluded.

15. *Ordinary time earnings* refers to that part of weekly earnings which is attributable to ordinary time hours, as defined in paragraph 13. It comprises award or agreed base rates of pay for ordinary time hours paid for, including all allowances (other than overtime) specified in the award, etc.; payment by measured result, i.e. payment by piecework, task bonus, commission, etc.; and other earnings, i.e. attendance and good timekeeping bonuses, profit-sharing and any other forms of over-award, etc. pay.

16. *Median earnings* is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having earnings above the median and the other having earnings below it. Medians were calculated from grouped data, linear interpolation being used within the class interval in which the median fell.

17. *Mean (or average) earnings* is the amount obtained by dividing the total earnings of a group (e.g. full-time employees) by the number of employees in that group.

Reliability of the estimates

18. Since the estimates in this bulletin are based on a sample, they may differ from the figures that would have been obtained from a complete census using the same questionnaire and procedures. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of employers and employees was included in the survey. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all employees had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

19. The figures in Table A below provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error of estimates of numbers of persons (distribution of weekly earnings) shown in Tables 1 to 3. An example of the use of Table A is as follows: if the estimate for Australia obtained from the sample is 30,000 the standard error is 2,100 (7 per cent); i.e. there are about two chances in three that a complete collection would give a figure within the range 27,900 to 32,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty of giving a figure between 25,800 and 34,200.

20. Table B indicates the relative standard error of estimates of averages (composition of average weekly earnings and hours). An example of the use of this table is as follows: Table 6 in this bulletin indicates that

average overtime earnings of full-time male non-managerial employees, aged 21 years and over (Australia) were \$17.70. Table B below shows the approximate standard error for this estimate to be 2.6 per cent (i.e. about 50 cents). There are about two chances in three that a complete collection would give a figure within the range \$17.20 to \$18.20 and about nineteen chances in twenty of giving a figure between \$16.70 and \$18.70.

21. The percentage standard errors in Table B relate only to estimates for Australia. Estimates for the States and Territories have higher standard errors, those for New South Wales and Victoria being about 1.5 times and those for the small States about 3 to 5 times as great as those for Australia.

22. The smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Estimates with a standard error greater than 15 per cent have not been published, except those relating to overtime earnings and hours. For these

categories all estimates with a standard error less than 20 per cent have been published; estimates with standard errors 20 per cent but not greater than 30 per cent have also been published if the standard errors are not greater than \$1.00 or 0.5 hours respectively.

23. The standard errors for average weekly hours paid for are generally much lower than the corresponding figures shown in Table B for average weekly earnings.

NOTE. Estimates of average weekly earnings shown in the tables are rounded to the nearest 10 cents, and those of average weekly hours paid for are rounded to the first decimal place.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

R. J. CAMERON
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TABLE A. APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF NUMBERS OF PERSONS, AUSTRALIA

Standard error	Size of estimate (persons)						
	7,000	10,000	20,000	30,000	40,000	60,000	100,000
Number	1,050	1,200	1,800	2,100	2,400	3,000	4,000
Per cent	15	12	9	7	6	5	4

TABLE B. APPROXIMATE STANDARD ERRORS OF AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS,
FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA
(per cent)

	Aged 21 years and over			Aged under 21 years		
	Manufacturing	Non-manufacturing	Total all industries	Manu-facturing	Non-manufacturing	Total all industries
Males — Overtime	2.7	3.9	2.6	7.2	7.2	5.2
Ordinary time	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.1	0.8
Total	0.5	0.7	0.5	1.1	1.1	0.8
Females — Overtime	5.9	7.3	5.5	23.3	13.4	11.8
Ordinary time	0.6	1.3	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.7
Total	0.6	1.2	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.7

TABLE 1. ALL EMPLOYEES (a) : WEEKLY EARNINGS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1978

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Number (^{'000})	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total	Number (^{'000})	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total	Number (^{'000})	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total
Weekly earnings (\$) —									
Under 10	15.3	0.6	0.6	8.9	0.6	0.6	11.8	0.3	0.3
10 and under 20				22.4	1.5	2.1	34.8	0.8	1.1
20 " " 30	16.9	0.6	1.2	23.7	1.6	3.7	40.6	1.0	2.1
30 " " 40	15.6	0.6	1.8	23.5	1.6	5.3	39.1	0.9	3.0
40 " " 50	12.6	0.5	2.3	21.1	1.4	6.7	33.7	0.8	3.9
50 " " 60	12.7	0.5	2.7	25.8	1.7	8.5	38.6	0.9	4.8
60 " " 70	22.6	0.8	3.6	32.1	2.2	10.6	54.7	1.3	6.1
70 " " 80	28.2	1.1	4.6	51.8	3.5	14.1	80.0	1.9	8.0
80 " " 90	27.5	1.0	5.6	47.0	3.2	17.3	74.5	1.8	9.8
90 " " 100	25.7	1.0	6.6	51.8	3.5	20.8	77.5	1.9	11.7
100 " " 110	27.5	1.0	7.6	56.6	3.8	24.7	84.1	2.0	13.7
110 " " 120	30.7	1.1	8.8	56.9	3.9	28.5	87.6	2.1	15.8
120 " " 130	39.5	1.5	10.2	67.8	4.6	33.1	107.3	2.6	18.4
130 " " 140	54.3	2.0	12.2	96.4	6.5	39.6	150.7	3.6	22.0
140 " " 150	99.9	3.7	16.0	112.6	7.6	47.2	212.5	5.1	27.1
150 " " 160	140.2	5.2	21.2	143.1	9.7	56.9	283.2	6.8	33.9
160 " " 170	169.3	6.3	27.5	136.8	9.3	66.1	306.1	7.4	41.2
170 " " 180	173.1	6.4	33.9	102.4	6.9	73.1	275.5	6.6	47.8
180 " " 190	186.5	6.9	40.9	78.6	5.3	78.4	265.1	6.4	54.2
190 " " 200	163.2	6.1	46.9	58.1	3.9	82.3	221.3	5.3	59.5
200 " " 210	160.8	6.0	52.9	47.8	3.2	85.5	208.6	5.0	64.5
210 " " 220	153.5	5.7	58.7	44.7	3.0	88.6	198.2	4.8	69.3
220 " " 230	134.6	5.0	63.7	34.3	2.3	90.9	168.8	4.1	73.3
230 " " 240	115.4	4.3	68.0	28.4	1.9	92.8	143.8	3.5	76.8
240 " " 250	97.0	3.6	71.6	20.8	1.4	94.2	117.9	2.8	79.6
250 " " 260	99.5	3.7	75.3	24.5	1.7	95.9	123.9	3.0	82.6
260 " " 270	87.1	3.2	78.5	13.4	0.9	96.8	100.4	2.4	85.0
270 " " 280	69.0	2.6	81.1	8.1	0.6	97.3	77.1	1.9	86.9
280 " " 290	68.8	2.6	83.6	8.3	0.6	97.9	77.1	1.9	88.7
290 " " 300	50.6	1.9	85.5	7.8	0.5	98.4	58.4	1.4	90.1
300 " " 320	90.9	3.4	88.9	8.4	0.6	99.0	99.3	2.4	92.5
320 " " 340	75.6	2.8	91.7				82.7	2.0	94.5
340 " " 360	47.0	1.8	93.5				49.7	1.2	95.7
360 " " 380	45.4	1.7	95.2				46.9	1.1	96.8
380 " " 400	27.9	1.0	96.2	15.0	1.0	100.0	29.0	0.7	97.5
400 " " 450	48.3	1.8	98.0				49.8	1.2	98.7
450 " " 500	22.7	0.8	98.8				23.2	0.6	99.3
500 " " 550	11.3	0.4	99.3				11.6	0.3	99.5
550 and over	19.2	0.7	100.0				19.7	0.5	100.0
Total	2,685.9	100.0	..	1,479.0	100.0	..	4,164.9	100.0	..
— dollars —									
Median earnings	205.20	..	..	152.90	..	..	183.40	..	..
Mean earnings	218.00	..	..	149.80	..	..	193.80	..	..

(a) Full-time and part-time employees, including managerial, etc. staff. See paragraph 4, page 1 for particulars of employees excluded from the survey.

TABLE 2. ALL EMPLOYEES (a) : WEEKLY EARNINGS, MAY 1978

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)
MALES							
('000)							
Weekly earnings (\$) -							
Under 60	26.4	19.8	17.1	12.1	11.3		73.1
60 and under 80	18.2	14.4					50.8
80 " " 100	18.9	11.5	9.2	12.5		16.0	53.2
100 " " 120	19.6	15.3	8.3		18.6		58.2
120 " " 140	34.6	21.9	13.2	11.9			93.8
140 " " 160	75.7	64.0	36.1	29.8	24.4		240.1
160 " " 180	107.7	98.2	47.9	40.6	32.7	10.8	342.3
180 " " 200	119.6	103.4	43.1	35.5	31.7	11.5	349.7
200 " " 220	113.1	91.8	34.4	28.8	28.3	12.3	314.4
220 " " 240	86.4	76.3	28.8	22.4	23.5	8.0	249.9
240 " " 260	70.2	60.0	22.7	17.1	17.3		196.5
260 " " 280	57.6	47.6	14.3	12.7	14.4	9.4	156.1
280 " " 300	40.8	37.3	12.9				119.4
300 " " 320	35.4	27.0	8.5	18.5	28.3		90.9
320 " " 340	24.7	24.0	9.4				75.6
340 " " 360	17.0	12.5				12.9	47.0
360 " " 400	23.2	21.2	13.7	13.3	21.4		73.3
400 and over	39.1	31.6	9.6				101.4
Total	928.2	777.7	329.2	255.2	251.8	80.9	2,685.9
- dollars -							
Median earnings	207.70	208.80	195.20	191.60	205.10	203.50	205.20
Mean earnings	220.20	222.00	207.70	202.30	217.50	213.90	218.00
FEMALES							
('000)							
Weekly earnings (\$) -							
Under 40	27.2	19.1	18.2	15.4	13.7		78.5
40 and under 60	13.8	12.3				10.8	46.9
60 " " 80	27.1	21.7	12.8	9.1	8.7		83.9
80 " " 100	30.5	27.6	13.9	10.4	11.6		98.7
100 " " 120	39.9	33.5	12.7	11.8	9.9		113.5
120 " " 140	55.1	53.9	18.3	16.3	14.2	13.3	164.2
140 " " 160	101.6	61.2	34.1	22.4	23.9		255.7
160 " " 180	84.8	79.1	23.3	23.0	17.0		239.2
180 " " 200	50.4	43.1	13.3	17.3	10.0		136.7
200 " " 220	32.6	27.9	10.3		10.4		92.5
220 " " 240	23.8	18.7				14.3	62.7
240 " " 260	16.3	12.6	16.0	16.6	13.4		45.3
260 " " 300	13.8	9.7					37.6
300 and over	8.6	7.3					23.6
Total	525.3	427.6	172.8	142.3	132.7	38.5	1,479.0
- dollars -							
Median earnings	153.60	155.00	146.20	147.30	147.00	144.60	152.00
Mean earnings	152.20	152.40	141.00	143.50	144.40	141.40	149.80

(a) Full-time and part-time employees including managerial, etc. staff. See paragraph 4, page 1 for particulars of employees excluded from the survey. (b) Includes A.C.T. and N.T. not separately shown.

TABLE 3. FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES :
WEEKLY EARNINGS, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1978

	Males			Females		
	Number (^{'000})	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total	Number (^{'000})	Per cent of total	Cumulative per cent of total
AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER						
Weekly earnings (\$) –						
Under 100	14.1	0.7	0.7	12.5	1.3	1.3
100 and under 110	11.7	0.6	1.3	7.9	0.9	2.2
110 " " 120	15.4	0.8	2.1	13.8	1.5	3.7
120 " " 130	29.9	1.5	3.6	33.8	3.6	7.3
130 " " 140	80.1	4.0	7.6	60.4	6.5	13.8
140 " " 150	121.3	6.1	13.6	91.0	9.8	23.6
150 " " 160	157.4	7.9	21.5	128.8	13.9	37.5
160 " " 170	162.1	8.1	29.6	127.0	13.7	51.2
170 " " 180	175.4	8.8	38.4	94.3	10.2	61.3
180 " " 190	152.7	7.6	46.0	74.2	8.0	69.3
190 " " 200	147.7	7.4	53.4	53.1	5.7	75.0
200 " " 210	143.0	7.2	60.6	44.4	4.8	79.8
210 " " 220	121.3	6.1	66.6	42.5	4.6	84.4
220 " " 230	100.1	5.0	71.7	32.0	3.4	87.8
230 " " 240				27.0	2.9	90.7
240 " " 260	159.1	8.0	79.6	41.6	4.5	95.2
260 " " 280	120.4	6.0	85.6	17.6	1.9	97.1
280 " " 300	88.0	4.4	90.0	13.1	1.4	98.5
300 " " 320	60.7	3.0	93.1			
320 " " 340	47.2	2.4	95.4			
340 " " 360	26.7	1.3	96.8			
360 " " 380	22.7	1.1	97.9			
380 " " 400	11.8	0.6	98.5	14.1	1.5	100.0
400 " " 450	16.5	0.8	99.3			
450 and over	13.7	0.7	100.0			
Total	1,999.0	100.0	..	929.0	100.0	..
– dollars –						
Median earnings	205.40	..	..	168.90	..	..
Mean earnings	217.80	..	..	178.30	..	..
AGED UNDER 21 YEARS						
Weekly earnings (\$) –						
Under 70	15.6	6.6	6.6	8.0	3.6	3.6
70 and under 80	18.7	8.0	14.6	20.9	9.3	12.9
80 " " 90	18.5	7.9	22.6	18.1	8.1	21.0
90 " " 100	18.7	8.0	30.5	21.1	9.5	30.4
100 " " 110	18.4	7.8	38.4	26.9	12.0	42.5
110 " " 120	20.4	8.7	47.1	27.3	12.2	54.7
120 " " 130	20.0	8.5	55.6	23.5	10.5	65.2
130 " " 140	22.3	9.5	65.1	28.0	12.5	77.7
140 " " 150	18.1	7.7	72.9	17.0	7.6	85.3
150 " " 160	16.9	7.2	80.1	10.5	4.7	90.0
160 " " 180	18.8	8.0	88.1	12.7	5.7	95.7
180 " " 200	13.0	5.6	93.6	9.6	4.3	100.0
200 and over	14.9	6.4	100.0			
Total	234.3	100.0	..	223.7	100.0	..
– dollars –						
Median earnings	123.40	..	..	116.20	..	..
Mean earnings	127.30	..	..	118.20	..	..

TABLE 4. COMPOSITION OF AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES :
INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1978
(\$)

Industry	AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER						AGED UNDER 21 YEARS	
	Males			Females			Males	Females
	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Total	Total
Manufacturing –								
Food, beverages and tobacco	21.00	182.20	203.20	5.50	150.70	156.20	134.90	114.90
Textiles; clothing and footwear	20.30	175.50	195.80	4.00	146.70	150.60	115.00	100.50
Paper, printing, etc.	22.90	203.40	226.30	5.60	156.30	161.80	127.10	107.70
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	24.50	203.90	228.40	*	163.80	168.10	136.40	115.40
Metal products, machinery and equipment –								
Basic metal products	26.10	200.90	227.00	*	172.40	177.80	136.50	134.70
Fabricated metal products; other machinery, etc.	23.00	177.40	200.40	6.00	150.50	156.60	115.10	111.00
Transport equipment	17.50	183.40	200.90	4.30	155.90	160.20	119.30	119.30
Total metal products, etc.	22.00	184.40	206.40	5.60	153.60	159.20	120.80	115.40
Other	26.10	179.20	205.30	4.20	150.30	154.50	122.00	110.30
Total manufacturing	22.70	185.40	208.00	4.90	151.80	156.70	124.20	108.90
Non-manufacturing –								
Mining	45.30	248.70	294.00	*	186.20	192.40	182.70	153.90
Electricity, gas and water	16.70	210.80	227.40	*	179.30	184.50	134.70	126.60
Construction	21.70	197.30	219.00	*	169.50	172.60	144.90	117.00
Wholesale trade	12.60	187.20	199.70	2.20	161.90	164.10	116.70	110.60
Retail trade	9.30	181.10	190.40	3.30	153.80	157.10	108.80	100.80
Transport and storage; communication	21.30	206.50	227.80	5.30	179.80	185.10	143.00	135.00
Finance, business services	6.70	203.80	210.50	2.20	174.20	176.30	122.20	117.70
Public administration and defence; community services	7.40	225.40	232.70	1.90	198.70	200.70	142.20	137.00
Other	15.70	187.00	202.70	4.40	158.00	162.40	126.50	121.50
Total non-manufacturing	15.40	207.00	222.40	2.60	182.50	185.10	128.80	119.90
Total all industries	17.70	200.10	217.80	3.20	175.10	178.30	127.30	118.20

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraphs 18-23.

TABLE 5. COMPOSITION OF AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PAID FOR, FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES:
INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1978

Industry	AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER						AGED UNDER 21 YEARS	
	Males			Females			Males	Females
	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Total	Total
Manufacturing –								
Food, beverages and tobacco	2.9	39.0	41.9	0.9	38.1	39.0	40.1	38.9
Textiles; clothing and footwear	3.3	39.4	42.7	0.7	38.5	39.2	40.2	39.3
Paper, printing, etc.	2.8	39.3	42.1	0.9	38.6	39.6	40.6	39.2
Chemical, petroleum and coal products	3.0	38.3	41.3	*	38.2	38.9	39.9	37.4
Metal products, machinery and equipment –								
Basic metal products	3.5	39.0	42.5	*	38.2	39.0	40.1	39.7
Fabricated metal products; other machinery, etc.	3.3	38.8	42.1	1.0	38.5	39.5	40.3	38.8
Transport equipment	2.3	39.0	41.3	0.7	38.8	39.6	39.9	39.3
Total metal products, etc.	3.0	38.9	41.9	0.9	38.5	39.5	40.2	39.0
Other	3.7	39.0	42.7	0.7	38.3	39.1	40.2	39.3
Total manufacturing	3.1	39.0	42.1	0.8	38.4	39.2	40.2	39.1
Non-manufacturing –								
Mining	5.1	37.0	42.2	*	38.0	38.9	42.1	39.4
Electricity, gas and water	2.0	39.0	41.0	*	36.7	37.4	39.2	37.4
Construction	2.8	39.1	41.9	*	37.3	37.7	40.6	38.1
Wholesale trade	1.6	38.9	40.6	0.3	37.9	38.2	40.1	38.7
Retail trade	1.5	39.7	41.1	0.5	38.8	39.3	40.8	39.9
Transport and storage; communication	2.6	37.7	40.3	0.7	36.8	37.5	38.5	37.8
Finance, business services	0.9	38.2	39.0	0.3	37.4	37.7	38.5	38.0
Public administration and defence; community services	0.9	37.7	38.5	0.3	37.0	37.2	38.8	38.4
Other	2.2	39.5	41.7	0.7	37.0	37.7	40.4	40.1
Total non-manufacturing	1.9	38.3	40.3	0.4	37.3	37.7	39.8	38.7
Total all industries	2.3	38.5	40.8	0.5	37.6	38.1	39.9	38.8

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TABLE 6. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES, MAY 1978
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State or Territory	Males			Females		
	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total	Overtime	Ordinary time	Total
AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER						
New South Wales	18.40	202.00	220.50	3.80	174.20	177.90
Victoria	17.70	200.50	218.30	3.00	174.40	177.40
Queensland	16.70	196.10	212.80	2.70	174.30	177.00
South Australia	12.50	191.70	204.20	2.40	175.70	178.10
Western Australia	22.40	198.60	221.00	3.20	175.30	178.50
Tasmania	13.30	201.40	214.70	2.30	180.00	182.30
Northern Territory	23.80	223.30	247.10	4.20	195.30	199.50
Australian Capital Territory	21.60	231.80	253.40	2.20	190.00	192.10
Australia	17.70	200.10	217.80	3.20	175.10	178.30
AGED UNDER 21 YEARS						
New South Wales	6.70	125.20	132.00	1.20	117.80	120.00
Victoria	5.70	118.70	124.40	1.00	118.50	119.50
Queensland	6.30	120.10	126.40	1.60	111.90	113.50
South Australia	4.60	116.40	121.00	1.90	115.80	117.70
Western Australia	5.90	118.00	123.90	1.40	113.30	114.70
Tasmania	6.60	121.10	127.70	*	108.10	111.10
Northern Territory	*	136.60	148.00	*	146.10	155.80
Australian Capital Territory	*	126.30	130.10	*	135.30	136.70
Australia	6.10	121.20	127.30	1.70	116.50	118.20

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TABLE 7. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PAID FOR, FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES, MAY 1978

State or Territory	Males			Females		
	Overtime hours	Ordinary time hours	Total hours	Overtime hours	Ordinary time hours	Total hours
AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER						
New South Wales	2.4	38.2	40.5	0.6	37.1	37.7
Victoria	2.4	38.7	41.1	0.5	38.1	38.5
Queensland	2.1	38.6	40.8	0.4	37.8	38.2
South Australia	1.7	38.9	40.6	0.4	37.6	38.0
Western Australia	2.9	38.7	41.6	0.5	38.1	38.6
Tasmania	1.7	38.5	40.2	0.3	36.8	37.1
Northern Territory	3.0	38.3	41.3	0.6	37.6	38.1
Australian Capital Territory	2.6	37.9	40.4	0.3	36.9	36.6
Australia	2.3	38.5	40.8	0.5	37.6	38.1
AGED UNDER 21 YEARS						
New South Wales	1.3	38.5	39.7	0.4	38.3	38.7
Victoria	1.1	38.9	40.0	0.2	38.4	38.6
Queensland	1.2	39.1	40.4	0.4	38.5	38.8
South Australia	1.0	39.2	40.3	0.4	38.8	39.2
Western Australia	1.1	38.4	39.5	0.3	38.5	38.8
Tasmania	1.2	38.7	39.9	*	38.8	39.5
Northern Territory	*	38.0	40.0	*	37.9	39.6
Australian Capital Territory	*	38.5	39.3	*	37.3	37.5
Australia	1.2	38.8	39.9	0.4	38.4	38.8

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